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5 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
7 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

8 *IN RE: BLACKHAWK NETWORK DATA*
9 *BREACH LITIGATION*

Case No. 3:22-cv-07084-CRB

CLASS ACTION

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS'
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF CLASS
ACTION SETTLEMENT**

10 This Document Relates To:

11 **ALL ACTIONS**

1 Before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement, (the
 2 "Motion"), the terms of which are set forth in a Settlement Agreement with accompanying exhibits
 3 attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration of Laura Van Note in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion for
 4 Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement(the "Settlement Agreement").¹ Having fully considered
 5 the issue, the Court hereby GRANTS the Motion and orders as follows:

6 **1. Class Certification for Settlement Purposes Only.** The Settlement Agreement

7 provides for a Settlement Class defined as follows:

8 "All individuals whose Personally Identifiable Information or payment card information
 9 (which includes a card account number, the CVV or CVV2 number or equivalent, and/or
 10 expiration date) was impacted in Blackhawk Network, Inc.'s Data Security Incident"

11 The Settlement Agreement also provides for a California Subclass defined as
 12 follows:

13 "All residents of California whose Personally Identifiable Information or payment card
 14 information (which includes a card account number, the CVV or CVV2 number or equivalent,
 15 and/or expiration date) was impacted in Blackhawk Network, Inc.'s Data Security Incident."

16 Excluded from the Settlement Class is any judge presiding over the Litigation and their
 17 first-degree relatives, judicial staff and persons who timely and validly request exclusion from the
 18 Settlement Class.

19 Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23(e)(1), the Court finds giving notice is
 20 justified. The Court finds that it will likely be able to approve the proposed Settlement as fair, reasonable
 21 and adequate. The Court also finds it will likely be able to certify the Settlement Class and California
 22 Subclass for purposes of judgment on the Settlement because they meet the requirements of Rule 23(a)
 23 and the requirements of Rule 23(b)(3). Specifically, the Court finds for settlement purposes only that (i)
 24 the Settlement Class is so numerous that joinder of all Settlement Class Members would be impracticable,
 25 (ii) there are issues of law and fact that are common to the Settlement Class, (iii) the claims of

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 27 ¹ All defined terms herein have the same meaning as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.
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1 Representative Plaintiffs are typical of and arise from the same operative facts and Representative
 2 Plaintiffs seeks similar relief as the claims of the Settlement Class Members, (iv) Representative Plaintiffs
 3 will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Settlement Class as Representative Plaintiffs have
 4 no interest antagonistic to or in conflict with the Settlement Class and have retained experienced and
 5 competent counsel to prosecute this Litigation on behalf of the Settlement Class, (v) questions of law or
 6 fact common to Settlement Class Members predominate over any questions affecting only individual
 7 members, and (vi) a class action and class settlement is superior to other methods available for a fair and
 8 efficient resolution of this Litigation.

10 2. **Settlement Class Representatives and Settlement Class Counsel.** The Court finds
 11 Plaintiffs Steven Pryor, Shane Scheib, Sabrina Singleton, Silvia Cortez, Brian O'Connor and Kelly
 12 Rogers will likely satisfy the requirements of Rule 23(e)(2)(A) and should be appointed as Settlement
 13 Class Representatives. Additionally, the Court finds that Cole & Van Note, Clayeo C. Arnold, A
 14 Professional Corporation, Markovits, Stock & Demarco, LLC and Bradley/Grombacher LLP satisfy the
 15 requirements of Rule 23(e)(2)(A) and should be appointed as Settlement Co-Lead Class Counsel pursuant
 16 to Rule 23(g)(1).

18 3. **Preliminary Settlement Approval.** Upon preliminary review, the Court finds the
 19 Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate to warrant providing Notice of Settlement to the Settlement
 20 Class and accordingly is preliminarily approved. In making this determination, the Court has considered
 21 the monetary and nonmonetary benefits provided to the Settlement Class through the Settlement, the
 22 specific risks faced by the Settlement Class in prevailing on their claims, the stage of the proceedings at
 23 which the Settlement was reached and the discovery that was conducted, the effectiveness of the proposed
 24 method for distributing relief to the Settlement Class, the proposed manner of allocating benefits to
 25 Settlement Class Members and all of the other factors required by Rule 23.

27 4. **Jurisdiction.** The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)

1 and personal jurisdiction over the Parties before it. Additionally, venue is proper in this District pursuant
 2 to 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b)(1).

3 **5. Final Approval Hearing.** A Final Approval Hearing shall be held on a date to be
 4 determined by the parties, at 1:30 pm via ~~telephone or videoconference or in person]~~ at the San
 5 Francisco Courthouse at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California 94102 to
 6 determine, among other things, whether (i) this Litigation should be finally certified as a
 7 class action for settlement purposes pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(a) and (b)(3), (ii) the
 8 Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable and adequate and finally approved pursuant to
 9 Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(e), (iii) Settlement Class Members should be bound by the releases set
 10 forth in the Settlement Agreement, (iv) the application of Settlement Class Counsel for an award of
 11 attorneys' fees, costs and expenses should be approved pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(h) and
 12 (v) the application of the Settlement Class Representative for a Service Award should be approved.
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14 **6. Claims Administrator.** The Court appoints Angeion Group as the Claims Administrator,
 15 with responsibility for class notice and claims administration. The Claims Administrator is directed to
 16 perform all tasks the Settlement Agreement requires. The Claims Administrator's fees will be paid
 17 pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement.
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19 **7. Notice.** The proposed Notice Plan set forth in the Settlement Agreement and the Notices
 20 and Claim Form attached to the Settlement Agreement as **Exhibits A, B, and C** are hereby approved.
 21 Non-material modifications to these Exhibits may be made with approval by the Parties but without
 22 further order of the Court.
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24 **8. Findings Concerning Notice.** The Court finds the proposed form, content and method of
 25 giving Notice to the Settlement Class as described in the Notice Plan and the Settlement Agreement and
 26 its Exhibits: (i) will constitute the best practicable notice to the Settlement Class; (ii) are reasonably
 27 calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the
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1 Litigation, the terms of the proposed Settlement and their rights under the proposed Settlement, including
2 but not limited to, their rights to object to or exclude themselves from the proposed Settlement and other
3 rights under the terms of the Settlement Agreement; (iii) are reasonable and constitute due, adequate and
4 sufficient notice to all Settlement Class Members and other persons entitled to receive notice; (iv) meet
5 all applicable requirements of law, including Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 23(c); and (v) the Due Process clauses
6 of the United States Constitution. The Court further finds the Notice is written in plain language, uses
7 simple terminology and is designed to be readily understandable by Settlement Class Members.
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9 The Claims Administrator is directed to carry out the Notice in conformance with the Settlement
10 Agreement.

11 9. **Class Action Fairness Act Notice.** Within 10 days after the filing of the motion for
12 preliminary approval, Defendant shall have served or caused to be served a notice of the proposed
13 Settlement on appropriate state officials in accordance with the requirements under the Class Action
14 Fairness Act (“CAFA”), 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b).

15 10. **Exclusion from Class.** Any Settlement Class Member who wishes to be excluded from
16 the Settlement Class must mail a written opt-out Request for Exclusion to the Claims Administrator at
17 the address and in the manner provided in the Notice. Such opt-out Requests for Exclusion must meet
18 the Opt-Out Deadline established by this Order and stated in the Notice.

20 For a Request for Exclusion to be properly completed and executed, subject to approval by the
21 Court, it must: (i) state the Settlement Class Member’s full name, address and telephone number; (ii)
22 contain the Settlement Class Member’s personal and original signature or the original signature of a
23 person authorized by law to act on the Settlement Class Member’s behalf with respect to a claim or right
24 such as those asserted in the Litigation, such as a trustee, guardian or person acting under a power of
25 attorney; and (iii) state unequivocally the Settlement Class Member’s intent to be excluded from the
26 settlement. All Requests for Exclusion must be submitted individually in connection with a Settlement
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1 Class Member (i.e., one request is required for every Settlement Class Member seeking exclusion).

2 Within 7 days after the Opt-Out Deadline, the Claims Administrator shall provide the Settling
3 Parties with a complete and final list of all Opt-Outs who have timely and validly excluded themselves
4 from the Settlement Class and, upon request, copies of all completed Requests for Exclusions.

5 If the final Judgment is entered, any Settlement Class Member who has not submitted a timely,
6 valid written Opt-Out Request for Exclusion from the Settlement Class shall be bound by all subsequent
7 proceedings, orders and judgments in this Litigation, including but not limited to the release set forth in
8 the Final Judgment. Settlement Class Members who submit valid and timely Opt-Out Requests for
9 Exclusion shall not be entitled to receive any benefits from the Settlement.

10 **11. Objections and Appearances.** A Settlement Class Member who does not file a valid and
11 timely Request for Exclusion may file with the Court a notice of intent to object to the Class Settlement
12 Agreement. The Long Notice shall instruct Settlement Class Members who wish to object to the
13 Agreement to send their written objections only to the Court. The Notice shall make clear the Court can
14 only approve or deny the Class Settlement Agreement and cannot change the terms. The Notice shall
15 advise Settlement Class Members of the deadline for submission of any objections. Any such notices of
16 an intent to object to the Class Settlement Agreement must be written and must include all of the
17 following: (i) the objector's full name, address, telephone number and email address (if any); (ii)
18 information identifying the objector as a Settlement Class Member, including proof that the objector is a
19 member of the Settlement Class; (iii) a statement as to whether the objection applies only to the
20 Settlement Class Member, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class or to the entire class; (iv) a clear
21 and detailed written statement of the specific legal and factual bases for each and every objection,
22 accompanied by any legal support for the objection the objector believes applicable; (v) the identity of
23 any counsel representing the objector; (vi) a statement whether the objector intends to appear at the Final
24 Approval Hearing, either in person or through counsel, and, if through counsel, identifying that counsel;

(vii) a list of all persons who will be called to testify at the Final Approval Hearing in support of the objections and any documents to be presented or considered; and (viii) the objector's signature and the signature of the objector's duly authorized attorney or other duly authorized representative. To be timely, written notice of an objection in the appropriate form must be filed or postmarked no later than the Objection Deadline.

Any Settlement Class Member who fails to comply with the provisions in this Order will waive and forfeit any and all rights they may have to object, will have their objection stricken from the record and will lose their rights to appeal from approval of the Settlement. Any such Settlement Class Member also shall be bound by all subsequent proceedings, orders and judgments in this Litigation, including but not limited to the release set forth in the Final Judgment.

12. Claims Process. Settlement Class Counsel and Defendant have created a process for Settlement Class Members to claim benefits under the Settlement. The Court preliminarily approves this process and directs the Claims Administrator to make the Claim Form or its substantial equivalent available to Settlement Class Members in the manner specified in the Notice.

The Claims Administrator will be responsible for effectuating the claims process.

Settlement Class Members who qualify for and wish to submit a Claim Form shall do so in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Notice and the Claim Form. If the Final Judgment is entered, all Settlement Class Members who qualify for any benefit under the Settlement but fail to submit a claim in accordance with the requirements and procedures specified in the Notice and the Claim Form shall be forever barred from receiving any such benefit but will in all other respects be subject to and bound by the provisions in the Final Judgment, including the release.

13. Termination of Settlement. This Order shall become null and void and shall be without prejudice to the rights of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their respective positions existing before the Court entered this Order and before they entered the Settlement Agreement, if: (i) the Court

1 does not enter this Preliminary Approval Order; (ii) Settlement is not finally approved by the Court or is
 2 terminated in accordance with the Settlement Agreement; (iii) there is no Effective Date; or (iv) the
 3 number of Opt-Outs is greater than five percent of the estimated Settlement Class. In such event, the
 4 Settlement and Settlement Agreement shall become null and void and be of no further force and effect
 5 and neither the Settlement Agreement nor the Court's orders, including this Order, relating to the
 6 Settlement shall be used or referred to for any purpose whatsoever.

7 **14. Use of Order.** This Order shall be of no force or effect if the Final Judgment is not entered
 8 or there is no Effective Date and shall not be construed or used as an admission, concession or declaration
 9 by or against Defendant of any fault, wrongdoing, breach or liability. Nor shall this Order be construed
 10 or used as an admission, concession or declaration by or against the Representative Plaintiff or any other
 11 Settlement Class Member that his or her claims lack merit or that the relief requested is inappropriate,
 12 improper, unavailable or as a waiver by any party of any defense or claims they may have in this
 13 Litigation or in any other lawsuit.

14 **15. Continuance of Hearing.** The Court reserves the right to adjourn or continue the Final
 15 Approval Hearing and related deadlines without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If the
 16 Court alters any of those dates or times, the revised dates and times shall be posted on the Settlement
 17 Website maintained by the Claims Administrator. The Court may approve the Settlement, with such
 18 modifications as may be agreed upon by the Parties, if appropriate, without further notice to the
 19 Settlement Class.

20 **16. Stay of Litigation.** All proceedings in the Litigation other than those related to approval
 21 of the Class Settlement Agreement are hereby stayed. Further, any actions brought by Settlement Class
 22 Members concerning the Released Claims are hereby enjoined and stayed pending Final Approval of the
 23 Class Settlement Agreement.

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2 **17. Schedule and Deadlines.** The Court orders the following schedule of dates for the
3 specified actions/further proceedings:

Event	Timing
Defendant Provides CAFA Notice required by 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b)	Within 10 days after the filing of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval of the Class Action Settlement
Defendant Provides Class List to Claims Administrator	Within 15 days after entry of this Preliminary Approval Order
Notice Deadline for Claims Administrator to Send Summary Notice	Within 15 days after receiving the Settlement Class list from Defendant
Motion for Attorneys' Fees, Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses and Service Award to be Filed by Class Counsel	At least 14 days before the Objection Deadline
Postmark Deadline for requests for Exclusion (Opt-Out) or Objections	90 days after entry of this Preliminary Approval Order
Postmark/Filing Deadline for Filing Claims	90 days after Notice Deadline
Motion for Final Approval to be Filed by Class Counsel	At least 14 days before the Final Approval Hearing
Final Approval Hearing	No earlier than 100 days after entry of this Preliminary Approval Order

23 SO ORDERED.

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25 Dated: December 15, 2023



HONORABLE CHARLES R. BREYER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE